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## Moscow

In reference to the article from "Fayette Citizen" appearing in last week's Falcon in regard to the County Demonstration Agent, the writer, as a member of said Court desires to say that personally he is favorable to this agent yet his constituents are not and the latter was the reason of his vote being against the necessary appropriation for this agent.

Miss Shirley Stevenson has had as her guest Miss Dollie Burnett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Burnett of Memphis.

Miss Nona Hood of Tunica was a Sabbath visitor with local relatives.

Mrs. H. J. Hazlewood attended the Baptist Association in Whiteville Wednesday of last week.

LaGrange Boy Scout team defeated that of Moscow Thursday at the former place.

A revival conducted by Rev. J. H. Thomas of the local Baptist church has been under way at the Lucas School house the past week, resulting in the baptizing of about 17 persons Sunday at Moscow.

R. N. Bevis and J. J. Burnett of Memphis were among friends here the week gone.

De watermelon and a leavino vine these days and us folks is sho happy.

The local Baptist revival begins Sunday Rev. Thomas the pastor, has secured Rev. Gooch to do the preaching.

Local officials have recently had the town bridges put in good shape.

Miss Mildred Bryant is visiting friends in Montgomery Ala.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Smith Thursday a pair of beautiful baby girls.

Lee Ware and R. H. Bryant have returned from an inspection of the Eldorado oil fields.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Forbes who have been guests of the latter's mother, Mrs. A. E. Furcron, left Sunday for their home in Little Rock.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Mauldin of Nashville have been guests of Mrs. J. L. Crossett.

J. D. Hester returned Friday from Chattanooga where he attended a convention of druggists.

Work will soon begin on the new levee east and north of Moscow on the Moscow and Somerville road, a great improvement will also be made in the change of the road.

A number of local members of the order attended the Masonic meeting in Somerville Monday night.

Mrs. Lucille Pearce Graves of Bradford, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Pearce spent several days with her parents recently.

J. A. Smith of Memphis spent the Sabbath with local friends.

Miss Theima Bryant agent for the Sou. Ry. at Rogers Springs, was a caller Friday.

Mrs. Lotta Morrow of Oakland was a Saturday guest of her parents Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Bryant.

Mrs. Smith was a guest Sunday of her daughter, Mrs. C. A. Roach.

Mrs. C. H. Rich and family visited in Somerville one day of the past week.

Mrs. Boyd who has been absent in Memphis returned to her home here Monday.

A church member cannot have influence for good or hold the confidence and esteem of his fellowman unless he puts in practice the life and actions of a Christian.

Chevy Chase, son of the late Ike A. Chase of Memphis, spent Sunday and Monday here.

## H. H. Mitchell

WHITEVILLE, TENN., JULY 23.—H. H. Mitchell, one of Hardeman County's most worthy and upright citizens, died here yesterday at his home on West Main Street, after an illness of two weeks, at the age of 81 years. Mr. Mitchell was reared in Fayette and Hardeman counties. For the past 20 years he had lived in Shelby County, near Memphis, moving with his family to Whiteville two years ago. For a number of years he was a member of the county court of Fayette County, and at one time represented that County in the Legislature. He was a Mason, a devoted member of the Presbyterian Church and lived his profession every day as if it were the last, and he represented one of the pioneer families who were among the early settlers when West Tennessee was comparatively a wilderness. It was in 1811, when the deceased's grandfather was moving to West Tennessee and was encamped on the opposite side of the Mississippi River, when the great earthquake occurred and made what is now Reelfoot Lake, becoming much alarmed, they moved back to Kentucky, from whence they came, and moved to West Tennessee some few years later. During the Civil War when a young school teacher, Mr. Mitchell left the school room and took his place with the flower of the South in the ranks of the gray. Deceased is survived by his wife, one son and a daughter, Shaw Mitchell and Mrs. W. M. Johnston of Whiteville, and two brothers, Zack Mitchell of Fayette County and Thos. J. Mitchell of Somerville.

E. G. Harry H. Mitchell is quite well remembered in this county. He lived in Somerville for several years, moving from here to Memphis.

## L. N. Carter for Register

L. N. Carter of Somerville announces in this issue of The Falcon as a candidate for Register of Fayette County, subject to the action of the Democratic party in the Primary Election to be held October 1 next.

Mr. Boyd was born in the fifteenth district where he farmed until just a few years ago when he came to Somerville as a salesman. He has served in the latter capacity in several different stores in town for a number of years and stands as high here in the confidence of the people as any one of the community. He is yet a young man and has never before asked for office in any sphere.

He is a man of pleasant address, polite and pleasing, with due courtesy to every man, and one of this community's best citizens. He has entered the race for Register with a determination to make a thorough-going, honest campaign, if elected it is his avowed purpose to conduct the office in such a manner as to deserve the confidence and esteem of every man who has business with him during the four year term.

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## Train and Truck Clash

On Wednesday evening of the last week the town of Roseville was shocked by one of the most thrilling and super dangerous wrecks that this community has had in a number of years of the past.

The truck was hit by the Somerville accommodation as it came into town about 7:30 p. m.

The truck was torn into splinters as the train hit it twice. It was driven by Virginus and James Hewlett the sons of J. D. Hewlett a prominent business man of that town. Maurice Hewlett another son of Mr. Hewlett and Virginus had just returned from this city, Somerville with a load of ice.

The cause of this wreck was that the train was running without lights and the people of that all say the engineer did not blow his whistle for the crossing and the boys being in the cab did or could not see it in the darkness.

Virginus the one that was driving the truck was knocked unconscious with a fractured skull and a deep cut in his back and numerous minor bruises. James the other boy in the truck received a sliding burdle and landing on his side causing him to have a fractured hip.

The boys were first reached by Mr. J. L. Crawford of that town who thought both of them were dead, who carried them to the hospital immediately.

## Mrs. Jennie Farrar

Last Friday at her home in this city Mrs. Jennie Farrar passed away at an advanced age after an illness of a week.

Mrs. Farrar was born in this county in October, 1842 and so was 78 years of age at the time of her death. She married the late Geo. W. Farrar, on November 7, 1866, died July 22, 1921, her husband having preceded her a score of years or more. Before her marriage Mrs. Farrar was Miss Jennie Flippin, a daughter of Jessie Flippin deceased, of the eighth district, one of that section's largest planters and most esteemed citizens, and was a sister of the late Judge T. J. Flippin of this city.

During her husband's life Mrs. Farrar lived at Macon, first living many years after their marriage on their plantation in the eighth district, and she later came to Somerville where her home has been for a number of years, where she has been one of the community's oldest and most esteemed citizens.

Many years ago deceased joined the Methodist church and she was long an earnest and influential worker in the affairs of the church.

She leaves three children: Geo. W. Farrar and Mrs. E. H. Price of this city, and Jim Farrar of Memphis. Funeral services were conducted at the late home of deceased Saturday and burial was at Macon by the side of her deceased husband.

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## Sunday School Rally

Joyner's Camp Ground, Sunday, August 1, Sunday School at 9:30 a. m.

Rally at 3 p. m. Prominent Sunday School workers will address the audience.

All Contiguous Sunday Schools will meet with us that day of all demonstrations. Bring basket dinners and have a Great Sunday School Revival.

All S. S. in surrounding counties are urged to come in force. Dr. G. B. Baskerville will be in charge of the Sunday School work. E. A. TUCKER.

## Death

After an illness of three weeks Milton Phillips, the nine months old son of Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Crawford of Wilkerson, fell asleep in the early morning of July 14, 1921.

He was a sweet baby, but God who knoweth what is best and doeth all things well, who said "Suffer the little children to come unto me and forbid them not," had something far better in store for him. So sent his angels while the early dew of youth was still on his choice bud and He transplanted it from this world of pain and sorrow to palaces of joy and peace.

Weep not dear parents, Milton is at rest and live prepared to meet him in that great beyond.

Fear not for he doth hold the hand, Though dark the way still sing and praise.

Sometime, sometime, we'll understand. ONE WHO LOVED HIM

## New School Law

Mr. W. T. Loggins, Somerville, Tenn., My Dear Sir:—

Following a suggestion made to me by a member of The County Board of Education that I write an article for The Falcon, am presenting this for your consideration.

The change in the school law of Tennessee looks to the day when we hope that every boy and girl in Tennessee may be able to read and write and of course if that ideal is reached it must be possible that every boy and girl in every county of Tennessee must spend some time in the schools that have been provided for the children of the State.

Formerly each county of the state received out of the State Treasury a certain share of the funds of the state based upon a per capita arrangement, or upon the scholastic population of the county receiving the funds. Under the new law the county receives exactly as much as it shows to the state that the boys and girls of that county have attended school. In other words each county will have turned back from Nashville out of the common school fund exactly what the children of that particular county earn, so to speak, upon a basis of average daily attendance, based upon each and every school running at least 100 days or five school months.

Fortunately for Fayette County, every school in the county can run at least five months and may be longer; but the length will depend entirely upon just what our average daily attendance will be. The average daily attendance will depend upon, the earnestness of the teachers, upon the activity of the school officials and upon the co-operation of the mothers and fathers of the boys and girls of the county.

I have just completed my annual statement ready for transfer to Nashville and I make this statement that our average daily attendance during the year just closed is barely above 41 per cent. Think of any corporation, firm or business establishment running upon 41 per cent efficiency. Does it sound like good business? From a business standpoint we must either lower the overhead expense or we must build up the business to be commensurate with the overhead cost. This can be done. Will we do it? It must be done.

Every colored school is expected to run two months, in summer August and September, three months in January, February and March. It is the duty of every man or woman interested in Fayette county to see that every child is present every day, bearing in mind that every child that absents him self from school takes away from the county just that money coming from the State.

The white schools are organized for nine months. Whenever a school stops and starts again from one week to a month of valuable time is lost. The School organization is not different from the other organization in the matter of efficiency. Just as the constant starting and stopping of an automobile will exhaust the batteries, just as you lose power in starting and stopping a locomotive engine; just so it is with the school, you lose the momentum accumulated. When you have to stop the children for work in the field, I would make this suggestion to those communities and I call it a fifty-fifty proposition to the children and I believe that they are entitled to that, that where any community feels that the children must be stopped; that the teacher teach straight through the day from 7:30 or 8:00 in the morning right through until say 1:00, then allow the children to go home and spend the balance of the day in the field or wherever their labor may be. I simply make that suggestion as a plea for the children who when they get older will realize that after all it was best that they stay in school every day of every month of every year that they are permitted.

May I again stress without any sort of felling or prejudice in the matter that every child in every school locality go every day possible in order that he may be benefitted primarily and that the county may come to the state with a claim for a near as possible a perfect average attendance. Yours very truly, J. B. SUMMERS, County Superintendent.

District two has two magistrates Tatum and Simmons, the latter is a staunch friend of the farmer, Squire Tatum was opposed to a county agent until recently, but the development of dairying in his community by the present agent has convinced him of its value and he can now be counted as a friend.

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## Demonstration Agent

EDITOR FAYETTE FALCON—

When the Roman Senate refused all manner of relief to the farmers of that ancient empire, levied high burdens upon its rural regions to pay for magnificent edifices, a great system of public works and a horde of office-holders which a complex system of government had created, it wrought its own destruction.

When the king and nobles of France ignored its farming peasantry ground their faces in the dirt to pay for luxury and revelry they gave no heed to the rumblings that arose.

After the deluge, said the king to his favorite and the deluge came.

It has ever been thus the history of mankind teaches us that any system of government however large or small which ignores the welfare of its farming class will get into trouble because farming is the basis of all wealth and the most ancient industry on the planet.

If Fayette county contained a large city or even a large percentage of urban population whose economic interests of might be assumed to be opposed to the farmers, there might be some reason for the refusal of our county court to grant the request of the farmers for demonstration agent but such is not the case, our county is almost exclusively a county of farmers and not town or city dwellers and this makes it so hard to understand why the court federal government in any measure or relief of instruction or improvement for its soil industry.

Adjoining us on the west we have a county containing the largest city in the state and we might expect inasmuch as the population of Memphis exceeds and dominates the remainder of Shelby county, that there might be some excuse for such a situation as exists to day in Fayette county.

On the contrary what do we find in Shelby county we find not only that its county court cooperates with the federal government in employing two demonstration agents and assistants for the farmers of the county but its great Chamber of Commerce one of the most progressive and able bodies of its kind in America, employs like agents as supplementary aid along this line. The business men of Memphis realize that the growth and prosperity of their city depend upon the welfare of the farmers in the Memphis trade territory.

In the several years that Fayette county has been employing a demonstration agent there have been certain misgivings and ignorant members of our county court who have always opposed the idea. It has always been a hard fight to get the court to appropriate half of the agent's salary. This year the matter has been up before the court three times and it has failed of adoption by a tie vote. Before the last session of the court a farmer's committee pledged, more than enough members to carry the appropriation for the remaining half of the year but certain members went back on their pledges the vote was a tie, the chairman refused to vote and declared it lost.

It is well that the advocates of better farming should know who are their friends in the court and show the members voted because the battle has just started.

In District one the four magistrates, Boyd, Wilkinson Scott and Shelton, all except Chairman Shelton can be counted as friends of the measure and have voted for it. Chairman Shelton has always dodged the issue. On two occasions he has had a chance to vote on it when the court was tied but has refused to commit himself. Chairman Shelton was once a farmer but sold out several years ago and moved to town where he has been making a living from his salary as chairman of the court and loaning money to farmers. Just why he should not be an active advocate of any help for the farmers of the county is hard to understand. It can be noted that he does not always refuse to vote in event of tie in the court as witness the recent election of school board directors.

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Bear Creek. He says that cotton is the only crop for Fayette county, and runs a public cotton gin at Fayette Corner where the price for ginning last year, like most other gins in the county, was around \$7.00 a bale. He thinks any other system of farming is a fallacy. The ambitions of other farmers for improvement and progress are delusions and not to be tolerated.

District four has two magistrates Wilkinson and Garnett. Both support a demonstration agent, their district contains much fine farming land and a number of progressive farmers who are daily applying the methods of the agricultural department.

District five has two magistrates, Sanders and McNabb and both are firm friends for better farming.

District six has two magistrates, Moore and Rice. Both are opposed to the idea. Squire Rice is a physician, a large number of whose patients are farmers.

District seven has two magistrates, Webber and Luck. The latter is one of the best farmers in the county and until the past year has always voted for an agent.

If Fayette County was a monarchy and District seven a dukedom Squire Webber would be the Duke of Hickory With who together with his brother and other members of the family he owns a large part of its lands and has a mortgage on most of the rest of it. He also conducts a large mercantile business at Hickory With and a cotton gin. Squire Webber says the people of his district are not in favor of an agent and therefore he is against it.

District eight has three magistrates, Murrell, Smith and Tomlin. The latter is a merchant at Oakland. At the last session of the court he surprised the friends of good farming by voting against an agent. However, it is believed, he can be counted on as favoring it.

Squire Murrell is a farmer and salesman. He sells feed and groceries among the farmers of the county for a Memphis firm and is a large land owner. Just why he should be against any rational scheme for improvement among the farmers of the county is hard to understand.

Squire Smith is a retired farmer and merchant. Every time the issue comes up in court he pops up and moves to lay it on the table. Why?

District nine has two magistrates, Esquires Dunn and Murphy. Both are large landowners and actively engaged in farming and are regarded as men of sound and constructive judgement. At the last meeting of the court they voted for an agent; having promised a farmer's committee to do so; but cannot be counted as warm friends of the measure.

District ten has three magistrates, Ballard and Pierson and Bowling. A are farmers and have opposed the measure.

District eleven has two magistrates, McRee and Murphy. Both are active friends. Two or three farmers of the district once approached Squire McRee and told him if he voted for an agent they would defeat him for reelection. He told them that he intended to vote for it as long as he remained in the court because he regarded it as one of the great constructive movements for the improvement of rural life and he has consistently voted for it every time he had a chance.

District twelve has three magistrates, Ware, Jewell and Bryant all opposed the measure. Why?

District thirteen has one magistrate, Griffin, he has always opposed it. District fourteen has two magistrates, Robinson and Rike both oppose a county agent. Rike is an excellent farmer; his reason for being against an agent are not known.

Squire Robinson is both a farmer and a livestock dealer. Can it be possible that the activity of a county agent in shipping livestock co-operatively securing the full market price for farm products has anything to do with it attitude?

District fifteen has two magistrates, Arrowwood and McCarley. Both are warm friends of the measure.

Now Mr. Editor that is the way the court stand at present on this measure. There is in process of formation an association of the farmers who are friends of better farming methods expect to dig down into their own pockets and carry on this work for the remainder of the year however this issue will be before the court again for next year and this association organize to carry on the fight for the project. More in a later issue.

A FAYETTE CITIZEN



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